



U.S. Army Garrison Fort Monmouth

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30-day comment period opens for environmental documents

FORT MONMOUTH, N.J. – The Final Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Implementation of Base Realignment and Closure at Fort Monmouth and the draft Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) are available for public review during a 30-day comment period, April 27 to May 27.

The documents were prepared to meet federal requirements following the 2005 Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommendation to close Fort Monmouth. They were prepared to determine whether or not the proposed action to dispose of Fort Monmouth's 1,126 acres would significantly impact the environment.

According to the documents, the closure of Fort Monmouth will not result in significant adverse environmental effects; therefore, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required.

The environmental assessment considered the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Planning Authority reuse plan, remediation plans for the fort's 43 installation restoration program sites, other planned and ongoing environmental activities, Army Corps of Engineers documents and federal, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Army and BRAC requirements.

"Fort Monmouth currently has contaminated areas that were discovered after years of extensive investigation, and we are taking action to remedy those areas," said Col. Stephen M. Christian, the fort's garrison commander. "The new documents do not signal change for our ongoing remedial actions. We will continue working with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to successfully close those sites or ensure that remedies continue after property transfer."

The EA and FONSI were conducted by Tetrattech under a competitively awarded Army contract. The comment period is required and is intended to gather public input. The has Army published notices of availability of the documents in local newspapers.

The EA and FONSI documents will be available for review at the Monmouth County Library, Eastern Branch, 1001 Route 35, Shrewsbury, N.J., and online at: http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/env_ea_review.htm.

"A Citizen's Guide to the NEPA -- Having Your Voice Heard," published by the Executive Office of the President, provides guidance on sending comments and is a

concise guide to NEPA-related processes at:

http://www.nepa.gov/nepa/Citizens_Guide_Dec07.pdf

For additional reference, Fort Monmouth has an extensive online environmental library at:

<https://www2.monmouth.army.mil/usagfmima/sites/local/brac.asp>

Comments should accurately identify specific issues and concerns and identify the specific areas of the report to which the comments refer. Comments must be post-marked by May 27 to:

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